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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.84(b)(2) and (a)(2), please accept drawings in the above-identified application in the form of color photographs.

The following are enclosed with this Petition:

1. The fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h);
2. Three (3) sets of color photographs consisting of five sheets containing 10 figures;
3. A black and white photocopy that accurately depicts, to the extent possible, the subject matter shown in the color photographs; and
4. An amendment to the specification to insert the following language as the first paragraph of the brief description of the drawings:

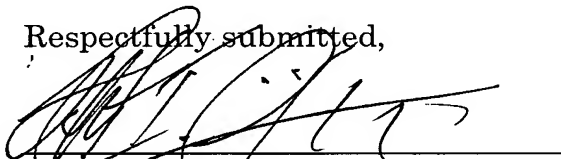
The patent or application file contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent or patent application publication with color drawings will be provided by the Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee.

The present invention is concerned with therapeutic agents for use in photodynamic therapy of vascular diseases. The drawings include photographs showing the visual appearance of test animal arthritic joints; micrographs of tissue slices; and fluorescence images; all related to the animal tests which are disclosed in support of the invention.

Considering the nature of the invention and the examples presented to support the invention, the use of color photographs is necessary to clearly illustrate the subject matter. It is not possible to illustrate the subject matter with line drawings. The necessary contrast for examination purposes is attained by using color photographs, while black and white photocopies accurately depict, to the extent possible, the subject matter shown in the color photographs.

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Respectfully submitted,

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